

Camino Plans Concert for Scholarships

A music-scholarship concert will be presented Sunday, March 20 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Theater of El Camino College by Los Cancioneros, South Bay choral group.

Proceeds will be turned over to W. Holmes Smith, chairman of El Camino scholarships, for administration by his committee. Freshman music students enrolled in theory, instrumental, or voice classes will be eligible for awards on the basis of grade average, musical attainment, and intention to return to El Camino next fall.

In assisting El Camino music students through scholarship grants, Los Cancioneros recognizes the current contribution of the college and hopes to ensure the reality of music as a vital force in the South Bay community.

The chorus, of housewives and businessmen, started in 1949 as a group of 12 under direction of Barbara Mabine and over the past decade, under her direction, has grown to a present membership of 50.

Tickets may be obtained at the student book store, music library, or at the box office on the night of the concert.

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The Democratic Council Permits Sense to Reign

The California Democratic Council, meeting in Fresno last weekend, produced a statement of policy conspicuous—with an exception or two—for rare good sense.

Outstanding in its declarations is that the House "un-American Activities Committee" should be abolished. This action, if it comes tomorrow, is years overdue, for this committee is the most un-American of all.

The council further recommends that all witnesses before legislative committees have the right to counsel and cross-examination. It states that secret committee sessions should be eliminated and that investigation in areas infringing on freedom of thought, speech, and association be prohibited.

In calling for abolition of so-called loyalty oaths, the council brands them useless. It further safely could say that oaths are insulting and reflect an unseemly distrust of fellow citizens.

The Democrats forcefully are attacking police brutality and illegal methods of obtaining evidence. They want wiretapping to be outlawed, since a more flagrant invasion of privacy scarcely can be imagined. Use of informers who never face the accused, illegal searches and seizures with and without warrants, and involuntary stomach pumping and rousting also came under the council's attack.

A brave new concept, worthy of everyone's support, is that punishment for crime is absurd and vicious. "The goal of penal administration should be prevention of crime and rehabilitation of the offender," declared the CDC.

"CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED"

Warmth and humanity are creeping into politics. On censorship, the council noted that present "obscenity" laws are adequate and calls for home and school to teach individual standards. This will have the result of being a direct attack on so-called decency committees that operate outside the law by using pressure on private merchants to enforce their censorship demands.

Highlight of the CDC's statement on education is a demand for federal money, which is a half-step in the right direction. Until schools are administered by educators, under federal aegis, we shall still have our weird concepts where sport supersedes scholarship, equality means more than excellence, and intellect is regarded with suspicion—nay, fear.

The only field in which the CDC ventured into choppy waters is in "fair employment." It is recommended that the state fair-employment agency have its powers broadened to include discrimination based on age, sex, and physical handicaps. The council had best take another long look at this one.

If a businessman wants an 18-year-old blonde receptionist, he should not be forced to hire a 57-year-old, one-armed man with catarah.

Clement Attlee to Speak at El Camino on March 5

Earl Attlee, better known as Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of Great Britain during postwar years—will speak on "The Future of Democratic Government" in the El Camino College gymnasium March 5.

Attlee, veteran leader of the British Labor Party, will come to El Camino under sponsorship of the Associated Students.

Tickets for the appearance will be placed on sale to the public for \$1 in the college book store Tuesday. Time for the address will be 8:30 p.m.

Attlee has won friends throughout the United States on previous speaking tours. He has received standing ovations everywhere he appeared.

Elevated to the peerage upon his resignation from the House of Commons in 1955, at which time Queen Elizabeth conferred upon him an earldom in recognition of his long and loyal service to his country, Attlee took his seat in the House of Lords early in 1956.

It has been said that Attlee and the British Labor Party grew up together. Head of the party longer than any of his predecessors, he was its leader from 1935 to 1955. Under his leadership, from 1945 to 1951, the Labor government inaugurated a revolution in the social and economic fabric of Britain and changed the face of the commonwealth.

YW Schedules Harbor Cruise

"Tying in with the theme, 'Come Aboard the Member Ship,' the Harbor Area YWCA is offering an hour and a half harbor cruise without cost Feb. 29, at 1 p.m.," Dr. Frances Clark, admiral in the drive and chairman of the Area Membership Committee, announced today.

The cruise is planned to honor the winning team and new members in the current membership enrollment. Mrs. Elmer Higgs, chairman of the San Pedro membership committee, who is in charge of the event, stated, "Those wishing to take the cruise must make reservations in advance by calling their branch office. We will take care of as many reservations as we can on a 'first come, first served' basis," she continued. "The passengers will meet at 437 W. 9th St., San Pedro at 12:30 p.m.," she explained.

"The 1960 membership enrollment had as its goal 2500 members by Feb. 2. The current membership stands at 1944 with 556 members to be added," Dr. Clark stated.

LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK

By ALAN ANTHONY

The moral, just, righteous, and Godly portion of the populace for some time has been indignant over payoffs to radio disk jockeys, cheating in school and college, and other such indulgences as would be impossible to suppress anyway.

More to the point would be education on the perils of being stupidly dishonest—that is, being honest where it matters.

Advice, defined by Ambrose Bierce as the smallest current coin, comes easy. It came easy to an advice columnist who had the following recommendation for parents:

When instructing a child to tell a caller you are not at home, step out the back door so the youngster will not be telling a fib.

This action actually would turn the fib into a Grade A lie and impress upon the child that he is lying.

"Daddy is not at home" has nothing to do with his geographical whereabouts. It is his state of mind. He is not receiving. This is accepted custom, and the child should be made aware of its meaning so he will not feel guilty about answering the phone and saying, "Mother is not at home."

Would it be more gracious to declare, "Yes, she is at home but doesn't want to see you?" Other lies without which the world would be bloodier than ever:

"You are looking very well tonight." (She looks like the breaking up of a hard winter.)

"What a beautiful baby!" (The baby would scare the pants off Frankenstein's monster.)

"What a fine painting." (An ape could have done it with its elbows.)

"Thank you for a lovely evening." (You were bored to distraction.)

"You were perfectly fine last night." (You sat on and decimated an \$800 coffee table.)

"Your sermon was inspiring, Reverend." (You suspect he didn't understand it either.)

"Your decor is divine." (Chartreuse and black do set off the bric-a-brac, also your lunch.)

"But I won't have a dime till pay day." (To the bill collector.)

"I don't keep check stubs, of course. Don't have to." (To the next-door neighbor.)

"Oh, he doesn't bother me; I love children." (If the little monster tries to climb up here again, I'll kick him.)

"Yes, I like Lawrence Welk too."

Letters

Candidates Speak Up

EDITOR THE PRESS:

We, the undersigned, have submitted our names to the citizens of Torrance for their consideration in the impending City Council elections. We have chosen to stand for election as a unit because we believe that the proposals we have set forth demand our collective efforts on the City Council if they are to become realities. One individual on a council of seven would be impotent and fail to fulfill the promise of mature and responsible government inherent in our proposals.

We are proud and certain of the precedent we are about to establish in our city. We will conduct an honest, direct, and personal appeal to the citizens of Torrance behind valid issues to which we are committed and which require fulfillment if we are elected. The present and all future candidates must abide by the precedent we now establish. No longer will the citizens permit candidates to run on personality and the ambiguous programs of favoring God, the nation, and little children which we all support! We will test democracy by running on issues in an era where glamour and empty platitudes are the order of the day for political candidates. Perhaps by taking this step backwards, we and our city will make the large leap forward into the future!

Councilman Districts:

We will submit to the voters a proposal for proportional representation by districts. We believe that city-wide elections hinder responsible representation by councilmen in communities with our present population and potential growth factor. Further, city-wide elections, in reality, permit only a small fraction of eligible voters to elect an entire city council. Specified constituencies will force responsible leadership.

Local Assessments:

We believe that the population and geographical size of Torrance now demands that we establish local control over tax assessments. The similar practice by large cities in our county justify this proposal of local control and hence, responsibility. We

will also make an inquiry so as to ascertain if the tax load is being equally and fairly shared by industry, commercial, and residential owners!

Education:

We approve of the efforts being made by the "Citizens' Committee for Better Schools" to evaluate the educational philosophy and administrative practices in Torrance City Schools. Within the legal limits of council office, we will support and lend our prestige, if elected, to this committee. We believe that a citizens' group of this nature has a right to expect and demand the support of elective officers who cannot legally alter an education program but can serve as the means through which the public will find expression!

HENRY R. CARREIRO
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Schools to Be Out on Monday

Torrance schools will have a one-day holiday Monday on Washington's Birthday. It will be the last until Easter vacation, April 11-15.

Fashion Show Tonight

Newton PTA will view a fashion show by board members and award honorary life memberships tonight at 8 p.m. at the school. There also will be the election of a nomination committee. Hostesses for the evening will be fourth-grade mothers.

The next board meeting will be March 10 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. D. C. Robbins, 135 Paseo de Gracia.

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